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#### **EDUCATION**

University of California San Diego, San Diego, United States

2020 - 2026 (expected)

Ph.D. in Linguistics

Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey

2016-2019

M.A. in English Language Teaching

Thesis title: Processing of Conditional Constructions in Turkish L2 speakers of English

Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey

2012-2016

B.A. in English Language Teaching

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**Evcen, E.** & Barner, D. (under review). Already perfect: Language users access the pragmatic meanings of conditionals first.

**Evcen, E.** & Wittenberg, E. (2024). Two Negatives Make a Positive: Reducing Referential Uncertainty through Negation and Order Reversal Eases Processing in Counterfactuals. Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, 46.

Yeter, Ö., Evcen, E., Rabagliati, H. & Özge, D. (2024). Understanding cognitive and language development in refugees: Evidence from displaced syrian children in Turkey. Cognitive Development, 69, 101412

Evcen, E. & Wittenberg, E. (2022). Making the Question Under Discussion explicit shifts counterfactual interpretation. Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, 44.

Özge, D. & Evcen, E. (2020). Referential form, word order and emotional valence in Turkish pronoun resolution. In U. Özge and D. Zeyrek (eds.). Turkish Discourse, Structure and Meaning. Trends in Linguistics Series, De Gruyter Publishing.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Evcen, E. & Barner, D. (2024). Already Perfect: Conditional Statements. Poster at Experiments in Linguistics Meaning 3 (ELM 3), June 2024, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, United States

**Evcen, E.** & Barner, D. (2024). Conditional inferences are derived without delay. Poster at the 6th California Meeting on Psycholinguistics (CAMP 6), January 2024, Stanford University, CA, United States

**Evcen, E.** & Barner, D. (2023). Time course of conditional inferences. Poster at the 10th biennial meeting of Experimental Pragmatics (XPRAG 10), September 2023, Université Paris Cité – CNRS, Paris, France

Evcen, E. & Wittenberg, E. (2022). Negation facilitates comprehension of English counterfactuals. Short talk at Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP 28), September, 2022, University of York, United Kingdom.

Evcen, E. & Wittenberg, E. (2022). Making the Question Under Discussion explicit shifts counterfactual interpretation. Short talk at the 44th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci), July, 2022, Toronto, Canada.

**Evcen, E.** & Özge, D. (2022). Pronoun resolution in Turkish Transfer-of-possession verbs: Evidence from comprehension and production. Talk at the 3rd Cologne Ankara Discourse Meeting (CADiM3), July 2022, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany.

Özge, D., **Evcen, E.** & Hartshorne, J. (2022). Implicit causality biases in Turkish psychological state events. Talk at the 3rd International Conference on Prominence in Language (ICPL3), June, 2022, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany.

Evcen, E. & Wittenberg, E. (2021). The Consideration of Alternatives During Incremental Comprehension of Counterfactuals. Short talk at Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP 27), September, 2021, Université de Paris, France.

Özge, D., **Evcen, E.** & Hartshorne, J. (2020). Referential form, word order and emotional valence in Turkish pronoun resolution. Poster at the 33rd Annual CUNY Human Sentence Processing Conference (CUNY), March, 2020, University of Massachusets, Amherst, United States

Evcen, E., Özge, U. & Özge, D. (2019). Turkish *unless* is not biconditional unless the pragmatic context allows it. Poster at the 8th Experimental Pragmatics Conference (XPRAG), June 2019, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, United Kingdom.

Özge, D., **Evcen, E.**, Kesici, A. & Köse, E. (2018). How do Turkish speakers interpret pronouns in Transfer-of-Possesion contexts? Talk at the 14th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL14), October, 2018, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.

Özge, D., **Evcen, E.**, Kesici, A. & Köse, E. (2018). How do Turkish speakers interpret pronouns in Transfer-of-Possesion contexts? Talk at the 2nd International Conference on Prominence in Language (ICPL2), July, 2018, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany.

#### **TEACHING**

## **Graduate Teaching Consultant**

Summer 2024 - Present

Engaged Teaching, UC San Diego, California

## Instructor of Record

Summer 2024

UC San Diego, California

Linquistics 170: Psycholinquistics: Experimental Approaches to Language and Cognition

## **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

2020 - 2024

UC San Diego, California

Linguistics 130: Semantics (Spring 2024) (2 sections)

Linguistics 121: Syntax I (Winter 2024) (2 sections)

Linguistics 101: Introduction to Linguistics (Winter 2020; Fall 2021; Spring 2021;

Fall 2022; Winter 2022; Spring 2022; Fall 2023) (2 sections)

Linguistics 8: Languages and Cultures of America (Fall 2020; Winter 2021)

Mentorship September 2020 - Present UC San Diego, California Victoria Hilke (Undergraduate Research Assistant) Summer 2024 - Present Raphael Dupa (Undergraduate Research Assistant) Spring 2024 - Present Katherine Jamison (Undergraduate Research Assistant) Fall 2023 - Present Vaidehi Bhavaraju (Undergraduate Research Assistant) Fall 2023 - Spring 2024 Maansi Narain (Undergraduate Research Assistant) Fall 2023 - Spring 2024 Priscilla Lin (Undergraduate Research Assistant) Fall 2023 - Winter 2024 Ajax Asana (Undergraduate Research Assistant) Spring 2022 - Fall 2023 Piper Mahn (Undergraduate Research Assistant) Summer 2023 Miguel Mejia (Postbac Research Assistant) Fall 2020 - Spring 2021 Lea Zaric (Undergraduate Research Assistant) Fall 2020 - Spring 2021 Language Instructor 2016 - 2020 TOBB University of Economics and Technology, Turkey Preparatory English Program English for Academic Purposes (EAP) GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS Grants Academic Senate General Campus Research Grant, UC San Diego March 2023 The Nature of Conditional Inferences (PI: David Barner) (\$12000)Awards GPSA Travel Award, UC San Diego (\$300) September 2023 Summer 2023 Linguistics Department Travel Award, UC San Diego (\$750) Linguistics Department TA Excellence Award, UC San Diego 2023 RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS Language and Development Lab 2021 - Present UC San Diego PI: David Barner, Department of Psychology Language Comprehension Lab 2020 - 2021 Formerly at UC San Diego, now at Central European University PI: Eva Wittenberg, Department of Cognitive Science SFB 1252 Prominence in Language June - July 2022 University of Cologne PI: Klaus von Heusinger, Department of Linguistics Guest in C04 - Conceptual and referential activation in discourse Language and Cognitive Development Lab 2017 - 2019 Middle East Technical University PI: Duygu Ozge, Department of English Language Teaching Language and Communication Development Lab June- August 2016

Koc University

PI: Aylin Kuntay, Department of Psychology

Summer Undergraduate Research Program (KUSRP)

## SUMMER SCHOOLS AND OTHER EDUCATION

Student-Centered College Teaching & Course Design

March 2024

UC San Diego

Seventh Summer School on Statistical Methods for Linguistics and

September 2023

Psychology, Potsdam, Germany

Advanced methods in frequentist statistics with Julia

Study Abroad, Keele University, Staffordshire, United Kingdom

January-June 2015

TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)

## SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Languages: Turkish (native), English (bilingual fluency), Southern Uzbek (fieldwork)

Technical skills: R/RStudio (advanced modeling, data visualization), Praat, LATEX, GitHub, PCIbex Psycholinguistics, experimental semantics and pragmatics, quantitative methods